GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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LEASING OF RAILWAY LINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Railways propose to lease out some of the railway lines having commercial importance;

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) The details of railway lines identified for the purpose;

(d) The expected amount to be earned by the Railways therefrom; and

(e) The time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e): No, Sir. However, with a view to exploit the potential of the Hill Railways it has been decided to give their marketing concessioning rights to the Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).